Use of broad gauge lines by Delhi Metro

† 2783. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to lay the broad gauge line for Delhi Metro instead of the standard gauge lines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Metro administration had suggested the standard gauge lines for metro; and

(c) if so, the reasons for converting the same into broad gauge?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) It was decided to use broad gauge for the Delhi Metro, although the DMRC had recommended standard gauge, to enable the Indian Railways to provide necessary back stopping and infrastructure support for the project as well as on account of considerations of inter-operability and development of future dependence on indigenous capacity.

Demolitions in Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi

2784. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the massive demolition in residential houses in Ramesh Nagar area of West Delhi which is a rehabilitation colony like Lajpat Nagar, Rajinder Nagar etc. in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Task Force on rehabilitation colonies set up in 2002 after the Lajpat Nagar demolitions is examining the issue and has still not submitted its report despite a gap of three years while it was to submit its report within two months; and

(d) the relief proposed for the harassed residents through the Task Force and the new Master Plan?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM

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